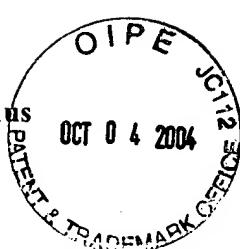


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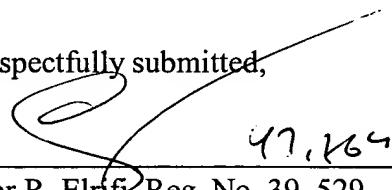
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1. Response to April 2, 2004 Final Office Action (6 pgs.);
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